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July 29, 1980

Dear Senator Cannon:

I have been asked to reply to your letter to Secretary Muskie of June 23 concerning the case of Ragul Wellenberg.

I have forwarded the petitions enclosed with your letter to Ambassador Wetson in Moscow for his consideration. You will understand that we must leave it to the Ambassador to decide when and at what level the matter might be raised with the Soviet Government.

I assure you that the Department continues to monitor developments in this tragic case and we will inform you when the petitions have been delivered to the Soviet Government.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood Assistant Secretary for

Congressional Relations

The Honorable Howard W. Cannon. United States Senate.

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